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SUBJECT: OPENING OF PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN SURABAYA

1. THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, MODESTO FAROLAN HELD RECEPTION IN SURABAYA FEBRUARY 28 OFFICIALLY TO OPEN PHILIPPINE CONSULATE HERE. CONSULATE WILL INITIALLY BE HEADED BY AN HONORARY CONSUL, WHO IS IN INDONESIAN NATIONAL OF FILIPINO DESCENT, BUT FAROLAN SAID HE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE REPLACED BY A REGULAR FILIPINO FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICIAL. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE NEW CONSULATE IS THE THIRD FOR HIS COUNTRY IN INDONESIA AFTER MENADO AND TARAKAN AND HIS GOVERNMENT HOPES TO OPEN A CONSULATE BEFORE TOO LONG IN MEDAN.

2.

IN JUSTIFYING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE HERE FAROLAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS THE SECOND BIGGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN INDONESIA'S LUMBER INDUSTRY AND THE "DOMINANT" SUPPLIER OF CEMENT TO INDONESIA. HE SPOKE ALSO OF THE CLOSE RACIAL AND CULTURAL TIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND OF THE PAST AND FUTURE GREATNESS OF THE MALAY PEOPLES. BEFORE COLUMBUS, HE SAID, THE MALAYS WERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST SAILORS AND WERE KNOWN TO HAVE

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SETTLED IN MADAGASCAR. HE OFFERED AS HIS OWN PERSONAL

THEORY THAT THOR HEYDERDAL WAS WRONG AND THAT THE TRUE MIGRATION OF THE MALAY-POLINESIAN PEOPLE HAD NOT BEEN FROM PERU TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC, BUT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. HE SAID THAT A STUDY OF THE FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PERUVIANS STRONGLY INDICATES A MALAY ORIGIN. HE CALLED FOR CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH AND LEARNING FROM THE ADVANCED NATIONS OF THE PRESENT DAY BUT PREDICTED THAT THE TIME MAY WELL COME WHEN IT IS THE ASIANS AND ESPECIALLY THE MALAY PEOPLES WHO HAVE THE LEADING CIVILIZATION OF THE WORLD.

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